

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Appln. No.	: 10/590,698)	Examiner: J. R. Bellinger
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For	: SEALING RING FOR A VEHICLE WHEEL		

AMENDEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Official Action of April 2, 2009, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following remarks.

Inasmuch as the Official Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period which expires July 2, 2009, this Amendment is being timely filed and no extension of time is believed necessary. However, if an extension is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be necessary, the same is hereby requested and is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees in connection therewith or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.

Amendment to the claims begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 10.

A copy of the Federal Circuit decision in *All Dental Prodx* is attached hereto.

A copy of the non-precedential decision in *Ex parte DUNIFON* et al. is attached hereto.

A copy of the non-precedential decision in *Ex parte OGAWA* et al. is attached hereto.